

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
MONDAY, May 8, 2017**

Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons Chris Boutwell, Michael Nelson, Rich Kuklewicz, Town Administrator Steven Ellis, and Executive Assistant Wendy Bogusz. Kuklewicz makes introduction and announces meeting is being taped.

**Approve Selectmen minutes of May 1, 2017**

*Nelson makes the motion to approve the minutes of May 1, 2017 as presented. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye.*

**Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Board of Selectmen will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment**

None.

**Liquor License Hearing**

**Element Brewing Company, LLC, Dan Kramer, Manager, alteration of licensed premises at 16 Bridge Street, Millers Falls, MA. Proposed alteration would be to add an outdoor area 17' x 20'6" (493 total sq. feet) adding 28 seats outside, tables and seats will be built from reclaimed materials**

Boutwell recuses himself from this portion of the meeting.

Kuklewicz reads meeting announcement into the record.

**Discussion**

- The added area would take over two parking areas and would be fenced off with removable fencing so that the two parking spaces would be available during the winter.
- Servers would need to use the front door to access fenced-in area. As it is a residential area, consideration would need to be given to the neighbors should outdoor entertainment be involved. At present, there is no plan for outdoor entertainment.
- Nelson advised getting approval from the Board of Health.
- Hours of operation are noon to 9:00 PM.
- A resident who lives seven feet away from the proposed addition expressed concern about noise becoming an issue after the license has been approved. Kuklewicz suggested putting up some kind of sound buffer (i.e., plants).
- Another resident vouched for the owners of the Element Brewing Company as keeping good relations with the neighbors as a priority.
- Ellis: What's important is that there's an enduring commitment to work with your neighbors to ensure that it doesn't become something other than what it's intended to be, which is a low- or no-nuisance kind of endeavor.
- Kramer: We strongly believe in being good neighbors. If there are problems we want to be part of the solution, not part of the problem.
- The Selectboard and Town Administrator encouraged anyone to contact the office should any concerns regarding the alteration arise.

*Nelson makes the motion to approve the request of Element Brewing Company to alter their license to add an outdoor area in the size of 17' x 20'6" with a total of 28 seats outside, and to submit this form to the ABCC pending a quick review by the Board of Health to examine any issues or concerns they may have and contingent on the fact that the hours of the business are 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Kuklewicz seconded, approved. Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye, Boutwell - Abstain.*

**One Day Beer & Wine License, Element Brewing Company, LLC, Dan Kramer, Manager, 16 Bridge Street, Millers Falls, MA, October 13 to October 15, 2017, 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, Bike Ride and Beer Fest**

*Nelson makes the motion to approve the request for a one day Beer & Wine License that spans the dates of October 13 through 15, 2017 from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM to the Element Brewing Company at 16 Bridge Street, Millers Falls for the purpose of a Bike Ride and Beer Fest. Kuklewicz seconded, approved. Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye, Boutwell - Abstain.*

Kuklewicz requested that as the date approaches, the Police Department be informed that there are going to be a lot of bikes in the area.

**Michael Nelson, Franklin Country Pumpkifest & Parade, Inc.**

**Use of Public Property: Annual Spring Parade, 4/28/18 (rain date: 4/29/18), 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM; Crocker Ave to Montague Street to Turnpike Road to Millers Falls Road to High Street to Crocker Ave**

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Nelson abstains from this portion of the meeting

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve the request by Michael Nelson for the Use of Public Property for the Annual Spring Parade, 4/28/18 (rain date: 4/29/18), 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM; Crocker Ave to Montague Street to Turnpike Road to Millers Falls Road to High Street to Crocker Ave. Kuklewicz seconded, approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye, Nelson - Abstain.*

**Kelsey Cadran, Franklin County Spring 5K**

**Use of Public Property: Annual Spring 5K walk/run, 4/28/18, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM; TFHS to Turnpike Road to Millers Falls Road to High Street to Crocker Avenue to Montague Street to Turnpike Road to TFHS**

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve the request by Michael Nelson for the Use of Public Property for the Annual Spring 5K walk/run, 4/28/18, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM; TFHS to Turnpike Road to Millers Falls Road to High Street to Crocker Avenue to Montague Street to Turnpike Road to TFHS. Kuklewicz seconded, approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye, Nelson - Abstain.*

**Chip Dodge, Police Chief**

**Retirement Announcement of Brian Dobosz effective May 19, 2017**

*Nelson makes the motion to accept the resignation with regret of Brian Dobosz effective May 19, 2017. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye.*

Ellis will send a letter on behalf of the Board to Brian Dobosz.

**Request hiring list to appoint fulltime Police Officer to fill Brian Dobosz's position**

*Nelson makes the motion to give Chief Dodge permission to request the list from Civil Service to begin the hiring process. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye.*

**Other**

Chief Dodge expressed his hope that people will pay attention to what the Town Clerk has to say about the rules for the upcoming election.

**Deb Bourbeau, Town Clerk**

**Election Day Activities**

Bourbeau: Next Monday, May 15, we have our Annual Town Election and we have a non-binging ballot question regarding the Turners Falls Indian logo. It has created a lot of emotion and there are lots of opposing views as well as promoting views. I want people to be aware of what exactly is going to be allowed in and around the polling place next Monday. There is a law, Chapter 54 Section 65, about a 150-foot rule. Inside the 150-foot mark is a judgment-free zone. No campaigning, electionary, or signage is allowed. No one wearing T-shirts opposing or promoting the ballot question, Indian costumes, or T-shirts, hats, buttons, bags, etc. with the Indian logo or anything pertaining to Indians (even Cleveland Indians or Washington Redskins) are allowed. Anyone who enters the 150-foot safety zone that is wearing a T-shirt or holding a sign, etc., will be asked to remove it, turn it inside-out, cover it up, etc., and if you won't, you will be asked to leave. If you don't, the police will be called.

Discussion

- Campaigning signs are not allowed on public property.
- Ellis reiterated that there are a lot more than just the one ballot question in the election.
- Polls are open at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.
- Bourbeau encouraged anyone who has any questions to call her at 863-3200 ext. 203.
- Election results of the ballot question will be posted on the Town website along with the school committee's.
- For absentee ballots, go to the Town Clerk's Office, fill out an application, and vote. The last day to do that is this Thursday.

**Town Administrator's Report**

**Appoint Eileen Seymour as Tax Title Custodian until May 20, 2019**

*Nelson makes a motion to appoint Eileen Seymour as Tax Title Custodian for the Town of Montague until May 20, 2019, effective immediately. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye.*

**Adopt Credit Card Policy for the Town of Montague**

*Nelson makes the motion to adopt the credit card policy for the Town of Montague as presented effective immediately. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye.*

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**Invitation from TFHS administration to attend Awards Night on 6/1/17 and Graduation on 6/2/17**

Ellis presented the invitation. The RSVP process can be done through Wendy Bogusz.

**Other**

Ellis thanked the Board, the Finance Committee, department heads, Wendy and Hannah Bogusz, and others who contributed to the budget process and to a successful Annual Town Meeting.

*Nelson makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye.*

**Documents and Exhibits:**

- Liquor License form: Element Brewing Company, LLC, Dan Kramer, Manager, alteration of licensed premises at 16 Bridge Street, Millers Falls, MA.
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- Kelsey Cadran, Franklin County Spring 5K, Use of Public Property: Annual Spring 5K walk/run, 4/28/18,
- Retirement Announcement of Brian Dobosz effective May 19, 2017
- Appointment Form: Eileen Seymour as Tax Title Custodian until May 20, 2019
- Credit Card Policy for the Town of Montague
- Invitation from TFHS administration to attend Awards Night on 6/1/17 and Graduation on 6/2/17